

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 48-50 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 53-71.

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-47. (Canceled)

48-50. (Canceled)

51-52. (Canceled)

53. (New) A method for reducing effects on appearance of a region of a person's skin resulting from cellulite tissue deposits underlying the skin region, comprising:

- providing an apparatus for treating cellulite tissue underlying a skin region comprising:
 - a housing,
 - a vacuum element that generates a negative pressure region within said housing, said negative pressure region being operative to draw the region of skin and the underlying cellulite tissue towards said housing when said apparatus is applied to the skin region,
 - at least one tissue manipulating element positioned within said housing and extending from said housing so that said at least one tissue manipulating element is positioned to stress and mobilize the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue when said apparatus used to massage the skin region, and
 - a radiant heat source mounted to said housing that provides radiant heat operative to heat the cellulite tissue when said apparatus is applied to the skin region;
- drawing the region of skin and the underlying cellulite tissue towards said housing using said vacuum element;

applying radiant heat from said radiant heat source to the skin region such that the radiant heat substantially passes through the skin and heats the underlying cellulite tissue; and

homogenizing the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region by stressing and mobilizing the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue by using said at least one tissue manipulating element to massage the skin region.

54. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein said at least one tissue manipulating element within said apparatus comprises at least one substantially spherical element.

55. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein said at least one tissue manipulating element within said apparatus comprises at least one substantially cylindrical element.

56. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein said at least one tissue manipulating element within said apparatus comprises at least two tissue manipulating elements.

57. (New) The method according to claim 56 wherein said at least two tissue manipulating elements within said apparatus are mounted on a single axis.

58. (New) The method according to claim 56 wherein the at least two tissue manipulating elements within said apparatus are mounted on two separate axes.

59. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the at least one tissue manipulating element within said apparatus is motor-driven.

60. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein said radiant heat source within said apparatus is a separate heat source removed from the at least one tissue manipulating element.

61. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the radiant heat source within said apparatus is located within the at least one tissue manipulating element.

62. (New) The method according to claim 61 wherein the radiant heat source is in an outer

portion of the at least one tissue manipulating element.

63. (New) The method according to claim 61 wherein the radiant heat source within said apparatus is within an axis of the at least one tissue manipulating element.

64. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the step of applying radiant heat comprises applying radiant heat from said radiant heat source to the region of skin drawn towards said housing by said vacuum element.

65. (New) The method according to claim 64 wherein the step of applying radiant heat comprises controlling the wavelength of the radiant heat from said radiant heat source so as to heat the cellulite tissue underlying the skin while only minimally heating the skin.

66. (New) The method according to claim 64 wherein the step of applying radiant heat comprises controlling the wavelength of the radiant heat from said radiant heat source so that the cellulite tissue underlying the skin rises to a temperature above that of the skin.

67. (New) The method according to claim 66 wherein the step of applying radiant heat comprises applying to the skin region light having a wavelength in the range from 600 nm to 1500 nm.

68. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the step of homogenizing the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region comprises stressing and mobilizing the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue that have been drawn towards said housing using said vacuum element.

69. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the step of homogenizing the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region comprises stressing and mobilizing the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue that have been heated by said radiant heat source.

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70. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the step of homogenizing the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region comprises stressing and mobilizing the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue while the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue are being drawn towards said housing using said vacuum element and while the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue are being heated by said radiant heat source.

71. (New) The method according to claim 53 wherein the step of homogenizing the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region comprises stressing and mobilizing the skin region and the underlying cellulite tissue such that the cellulite tissue underlying the skin region is moved and spread evenly.